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# POLICE E-LERT

The Johnston Police wants to remind residents that we are reaching the time of the year when we tend to notice an increase in the amount of thefts involving property taken from vehicles and residential garages.

The law enforcement community refers to this type of activity as “crimes of opportunity” because it usually involves suspects who randomly canvas residential neighborhoods looking for residents who have left valuables in their vehicles and/or left their overhead garage doors open and unsecured. The described “opportunities” allow a criminal to gain quick and easy access to any/all of the property contained therein with little or no detection.

The weather is just warming up and the Johnston Police Department has already received two reports of vehicles being broken into. The first reported incident occurred in the 8300 block of Talbot Place and the second incident occurred in the 6500 NW 97<sup>th</sup>. We would presume that the incidents will increase in scope and frequency as our weather conditions improve.

As a result, the Johnston Police Department **STRONGLY** encourages residents to be cognizant of this activity and to be diligent in ensuring that you remove any/all valuables from your unattended vehicles and that you close your residential overhead garage doors anytime you are not within visual sight of your garage. By making these simple efforts part of your daily routine you will greatly reduce your chances of becoming a victim of this type of crime.

Please visit the police department website and click on the link [Top Ten Crime Prevention Tips](#) to obtain additional information and recommendations to keep yourself crime free this summer.

Anyone having questions or information regarding the described thefts is asked to contact the Johnston Police Department at 278-2345.